

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats, a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Board** was held on Thursday, June 10, 2010 in Board Room A of the Sophie Beaumont Building – 111 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI

Present: Tom Lund, Chairman, Allison Draheim, Paula Laundrie,
JoAnn Grashberger, Helen Smits
Excused: Maria Zehren
Also Present: Brian Shoup – Executive Director Human Services
Tim Schmitt – Human Services Department Finance Manager
Media

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Lund at 5:20 p.m. Lund announced that Dottie Schoenleber has resigned from the Board.

Allison Draheim, At-Risk Coordinator for the Green Bay School District, has accepted an appointment to the Board.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by Grashberger and seconded by Laundrie to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Approve Minutes of May 13, 2010 Human Services Board Meeting:**

Motion made by Laundrie and seconded by Smits to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Homeless Issues, GB School District At-Risk Coordinator Allison Draheim:**

Ms. Draheim distributed information related to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Program (attached) which is in place in the Green Bay Area Public Schools. Ms. Draheim reported that the number of homeless children has grown in the last six years from 325 in 2004 to approximately 813 at this time. This includes children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. When adding other Brown County communities the number increases to approximately 1300.

Ms. Draheim explained that the philosophy of this Federally mandated program is that all students can and will learn if barriers are removed. The goal is to remove barriers to learning using resources available in the district. The Green Bay Area Public School District (GBAPSD) provides direct services to homeless children in order to assist them in accessing appropriate and deserved learning

opportunities, to attend school regularly, to acquire basic necessities, and to achieve academic parity with non-homeless children.

The program provides transportation so that children can attend the school of their choice even if they move to another district. It waives all fees for transportation, lunch and breakfast. There are schools within the district (Howard-Suamico & Ashwaubenon) who have a homeless liaison on staff. They, in addition to the GBAPSD, have received grants to sponsor these services.

The definition of "homeless children and youths" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship. Ms. Draheim reported that a study involving approximately 733 plus homeless children in Brown County found that 158 live in shelters, 503 are doubled up (living with friends/relatives short term), 61 in a hotel/motel, 11 unsheltered, and 95 are considered unaccompanied youth. Unaccompanied youth, Draheim explained, are those children who have no consistent adult taking responsibility for them. Many are bouncing from friends and relatives and have no consistent or stable home. Of these 733, 53 are preschool age, 322 Elementary School age (K-5), 135 Middle School age (6th – 8th), and 223 High School age (9th to 12th grade).

Ms. Draheim pointed out that all homeless children are at risk for many factors such as low graduation rates, higher incidence and exposure to violence, alcohol and drug exposure, gaps in learning, struggles with self-regulating, higher chance of sexual, physical, and verbal abuse, high rates of mobility, etc. Of the 733 students above, 207 have been identified with a disability of some sort and receive Special Education Services.

Several comments were made regarding foster care and other possible shelters, however, HS Director Brian Shoup pointed out they are not always sustainable. He suggested that Jim Hermans be asked to speak at a future meeting. Ms. Draheim indicated that although the School District has made great strides, they cannot solve the problem.

5. **Family Care Update:**

Mr. Shoup again reported that the pace of the Family Care program is accelerating with a joint resolution required to be passed by the seven participating counties in Wisconsin sometime late summer.

When discussing budget impact, Shoup explained that for the first three years after the District is created, the budget should be neutral or favorable as numbers are based on year 2006. Over the first five years of operation, The District will have a "spend down", with the County maintenance of effort requirement going from 48% to 22%. From that point on, there will be a spending cap on long term care.

6. **Community Treatment Center Update:**

Director Shoup highlighted the following activities during the last reporting period:

- Discussion continues on the EM1 issue.
- Parking lot at the CTC has been extended and paved.

- A potential contract with the VA for acute psychiatric services has been denied at this time because of funding.

7. **Financial Report:**

Tim Schmitt, Human Services Department Finance Manager, referred to financial statements and year to date figures through March 31, 2010 included in packet material. He indicated he would continue to monitor finances monthly.

8. **Bellin Hospital Statistical Update:**

A communication from Linda Roethle of Bellin states there were no transfers of involuntary adolescents to other institutions, nor were there any admissions refused during the last reporting period.

Director Shoup reported that he continues to work with Bellin in a cooperative manner.

9. **Community Treatment Center Statistical Update (handout at meeting):**

Tim Schmitt highlighted data from the CTC Statistical Update.

10. **Contract Update:**

No additional information was added to reports in packet material.

11. **Director's Report:**

Director Shoup highlighted the following activities:

- Budget – Process has begun and will be before the Board in July. Initiatives will include the implementation of psychotherapy services into mental health services.
- Laura Chartier has been hired as the new Administrative Secretary
- Ordinances regarding the structure of the Human Services Board have been reviewed. Requirements indicate that the Board provide governance and that it include 11 members. At this time there are six. Shoup indicated that he has met with County Executive Hinz and candidates are being considered and recommendations will be accepted. State Statute indicates that members include both consumer representation and citizens who have interest.
- Finance Manager, Tim Schmitt, has been asked to form an audit committee to examine findings from Schenk which seem to be made every year to see that issues are addressed. Schmitt reported that an initial kick-off meeting was recently held with the goal to develop a program to protect the assets of Brown County within the Human Services area. i.e., cash receipts and disbursements.

12. **Any Other Matters:**

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 10th, 2010

Topic: Teen Parenting

- **Rules for Attendance**
- **Need for new Board Members**

13. **Adjourn Business Meeting:**

Motion made by Grashberger and seconded by Laundrie to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary

Green Bay Area Public Schools McKinney-Vento Homeless Program

TO: Brown County Human Services Board
Date: 6-10-2010
RE: Homeless Student Summary Report
From: Alison Draheim, McKinney-Vento and At Risk Program Coordinator
President – Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

It is the belief of the Green Bay Area Public School District (GBAPSD) that all students can and will learn. The McKinney-Vento Homeless program removes barriers to learning for homeless children and youth. All homeless children and youth will be served using all resources available to the district.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The primary goal for our homeless program is to ensure that barriers to full and equitable access to education and related services for homeless children are removed or reduced. The GBAPSD Homeless Program provides direct services to homeless children in order to assist them in accessing appropriate and deserved learning opportunities, attend school regularly, acquire basic necessities, and to achieve academic parity with non-homeless students.

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Currently there are approximately 800 students identified as homeless enrolled in the GBAPSD. This number is a non-duplicated count and rises daily.

During the 2008-09 academic year there were **733** students experiencing a minimum of one homeless situation as defined by Federal legislation in the GBAPSD. The majority of students experienced at least three moves due to the lack of an adequate/safe and stable nighttime residence. There were an additional 55 homeless students served with neighboring districts by the GBAPSD. All of the neighboring districts have additional students identified as homeless, the 733 by GBAPSD and the additional 55 shared students do not account for all of Brown Counties homeless students.

Currently our district wide percentage of students 4K- 12th receiving **free and reduced lunch is 53%.**

The number of identified students in the 2007-08 for GBAPSD was 617. In the state of Wisconsin during the 2003-04 academic year there were 5,358 students identified as homeless and as of 11-5-09 during the 2008-09 academic year there were 10,678 students identified (with 40 districts in the state still needing to report). It will have doubled in the last 5 academic years.

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Definition of Living Arrangement for 733 Homeless Students Enrolled, Served and Identified in the 2008-09 Academic Year

Per Federal mandate:

The term 'homeless children and youths' means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship.

158 – In Shelters

Families or adult students living in one of the area shelters.

503 - Doubled-Up

Families living with friends/relatives short term because they have no other option. Families that are not on the lease and are staying at the residence at the discretion of the persons paying rent in order to remain housed. **NOT** considered homeless if it is a choice and/or cultural or family tradition to live with family/clan members. **Homeless only if an unstable or unsafe situation.**

61 - In a Hotel/Motel

Families living in hotels because they are vouchered through community resources or were able to pay for a short stay but have no long term plan.

11 – Unsheltered

(on the street, car, park, campground, abandoned building)

Afraid to report location for fear of losing children but indicated through self-report "unsheltered."

95 - Unaccompanied Youth (U.Y) (included in the total breakdown of living situation for all 733 students)

Children who have no consistent adult taking responsibility for them and reside in an unsafe and unstable nighttime residence. Often referred to as "couch surfers" (students bouncing from friends and relatives, with no consistent or stable home).

<u>School Level</u>	Number of Homeless Children and Youth Enrolled and Served
Preschool	53
Elementary School (K-5)	322
Middle School (6-8)	135
High School (9-12)	223
TOTAL	733

*NOTE: All homeless children are at risk for many factors, such as low graduation rates, higher incidence and exposure to violence, alcohol and drug exposure, gaps in learning, struggles with self-regulating, higher chance of sexual, physical and verbal abuse, high rates of mobility, etc... They all face barriers non-homeless children do not face. In addition there are **207** of the students identified above that have a disability of some sort and receive Special Education Services. **95** are unaccompanied youth, the population of homeless in the highest risk.*

For more information or questions please contact the program coordinator, Alison Draheim.

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